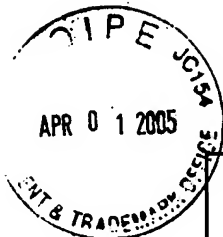


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	Filing Date	February 27, 2002
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi Katoh, et al.
	Art Unit	2675
	Examiner Name	A. A. Awad
	Attorney Docket Number	57,145-RCE (46547)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (1 page)

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	March 30, 2005
Name (Print/Type)	George W. Hartnell, III	Registration No.	42,639

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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
Application Type	Filing Fees	Small Entity	Search Fees	Small Entity	Examination Fees	Small Entity	Fees Paid (\$)
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity			
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)					50	25	
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)					200	100	
Multiple dependent claims					360	180	
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
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Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)					Fees Paid (\$)		
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